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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW; Room TW-B204
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Secretary Dortch,

As the top of the letter indicates, I am writing to you concerning WC Docket No. 12-375 (making the cost of prison phone calls more affordable to consumers.) I am hoping that you will consider this letter and I prayfully request that you take action to reduce phone costs.

It costs over \$5 per 15-minute phone call (around \$21 per month) calling my mother and sister. Due to my sister's disability, my low prison wages, and my mother's limited income, I only call once per week, but would like to call more often.

This past month was an exceptionally expensive time using the phone because my mother had trouble breathing at work and then a couple of days later ended up with a serious illness that the doctor could not diagnose (the doctor told my mom that if the problem wasn't diagnosed she would be admitted to the hospital.) I was calling home every day for 5 days. That's over \$25! As you can see, in that 5 days' time, I already exceeded what I spend for the month when only calling once per week.

I also have a post-conviction appeal filed which requires me to communicate with my attorney (again more phone costs.)

My mother will be 64 years old this March 1st, and she works alot of overtime to pay the phone and attorney bills. Even though she tries to reassure me that she is okay, many nights I go to sleep crying because I worry about her so much and there is nothing I can do. But you can on my and others' behalf.

I also have my best friend who I have known for 24 years and lives in Virginia (his daughters even call me 'uncle'), but I can't call to hear how

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he is doing because the phone rates are so high.

Then there is my aunt who lives in New York and recently had a heart attack. I couldn't call her to hear how she was doing, but, instead, had to call home and get updates from my mom. Because some of the phone conversation was used to get an update, there was not enough time for me to talk to my mom about other matters. So after my 15 minutes were up, I had to call back.

If at any time the call is disconnected, when I call back, I have to pay the connection fee again (around \$2.42) and the slightest glitch would terminate the call.

My family and I would greatly appreciate it if the FCC would mandate that the phone rates be decreased and an amount of 'free calling' per month per inmate be implemented. The savings would be enormous.

To be able to hear that person's voice is such a tremendous joy. I have had days where I thought I was going to lose it, until I called home and talked to my mom. Please help! You never know, by decreasing the phone rates, you could be saving a life. It would be an absolute travesty to know that someone killed themselves because they couldn't afford to make a phone call or the one to whom they were placing the call couldn't afford it.

I greatly appreciate your time in reading this letter. I pray that you consider the impact high phone rates have on inmates and their loved ones. Phone companies just look at the situation as an opportunity to make money and don't care about the people they are affecting. After all, its not like we can shop around - we have to pay! When a population of people, who cannot defend themselves, are oppressed or taken advantage of by those who are in power, we cry out that it is an injustice. Please don't take the stand that we are 'just inmates.' We've made a mistake and the incarceration is our punishment, high phone rates are not to be added to that.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,


Brandon Bloss



JOHN W CARNEY
662 ELM ST
ROCKY HILL CT 06067-2004

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Account Number 860 529-5889 631
Billing Date Jul 09, 2012

Questions? 1 800 433-4518

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Important Information

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Current Charges

Long Distance

Billed on Behalf of GLOBAL TEL*LINK

Questions? Call 1 800 433-4518

Item

No.	Date	Time	Place	Number	Code	Min	
Itemized Calls							
1	6-01	526P	HARTFORD	CT 860 529-5889	ESB	12:00	2.00
			FROM WINDSORLKS	CT 860 292-6559			
2	6-02	532P	HARTFORD	CT 860 529-5889	ESB	15:00	2.00
			FROM WINDSORLKS	CT 860 292-6559			
3	6-03	657P	HARTFORD	CT 860 529-5889	ESB	15:00	2.00
			FROM WINDSORLKS	CT 860 292-6559			
4	6-04	946A	HARTFORD	CT 860 529-5889	DSB	1:00	2.00
			FROM WINDSORLKS	CT 860 292-6559			
5	6-05	930A	HARTFORD	CT 860 529-5889	DSB	15:00	2.00
			FROM WINDSORLKS	CT 860 292-6559			
6	6-05	614P	HARTFORD	CT 860 529-5889	ESB	3:00	2.00
			FROM WINDSORLKS	CT 860 292-6559			
7	6-05	728P	HARTFORD	CT 860 529-5889	ESB	15:00	2.00
			FROM WINDSORLKS	CT 860 292-6559			
8	6-06	647P	HARTFORD	CT 860 529-5889	ESB	15:00	2.00
			FROM WINDSORLKS	CT 860 292-6559			
9	6-07	938A	HARTFORD	CT 860 529-5889	DSB	15:00	2.00
			FROM WINDSORLKS	CT 860 292-6559			
10	6-07	714P	HARTFORD	CT 860 529-5889	ESB	15:00	2.00
			FROM WINDSORLKS	CT 860 292-6559			
11	6-08	614P	HARTFORD	CT 860 529-5889	ESB	15:00	2.00
			FROM WINDSORLKS	CT 860 292-6559			
12	6-09	915A	HARTFORD	CT 860 529-5889	DSB	15:00	2.00
			FROM WINDSORLKS	CT 860 292-6559			
13	6-09	747P	HARTFORD	CT 860 529-5889	ESB	3:00	2.00
			FROM WINDSORLKS	CT 860 292-6559			
14	6-10	928P	HARTFORD	CT 860 529-5889	ESB	15:00	2.00
			FROM WINDSORLKS	CT 860 292-6559			

Total Itemized Calls 28.00

Total for GLOBAL TEL*LINK 28.00

Key to Calling Codes

B Collect D Day E Evening

S Station to Station

Total Long Distance 28.00

Taxes

15. State Sales Tax 1.78

Total ILD Teleservices Inc. Current Charges 29.78

Under Global Tel. Link
A 15 minute collect
call across local distance
costs 2.00\$





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Questions? 1 888 508-0734

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Current Charges

Long Distance

Billed on Behalf of SECURUS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

Questions? Call 1 800 844-6591

Item

No.	Date	Time	Place	Number	Code	Min	
Itemized Calls							
1.	6-12	136P	HARTFORD	CT 860 529-5889	DSB	15:00	4.87
			FROM WINDSORLKS	CT 860 254-6969			
2.	6-12	823P	HARTFORD	CT 860 529-5889	ESB	15:00	4.87
			FROM WINDSORLKS	CT 860 254-6969			
3.	6-17	934A	HARTFORD	CT 860 529-5889	DSB	15:00	4.87
			FROM WINDSORLKS	CT 860 254-6969			
4.	6-18	915A	HARTFORD	CT 860 529-5889	DSB	15:00	4.87
			FROM WINDSORLKS	CT 860 254-6969			
5.	6-18	620P	HARTFORD	CT 860 529-5889	ESB	15:00	4.87
			FROM WINDSORLKS	CT 860 254-6969			
6.	6-19	921A	HARTFORD	CT 860 529-5889	DSB	15:00	4.87
			FROM WINDSORLKS	CT 860 254-6969			
7.	6-19	607P	HARTFORD	CT 860 529-5889	ESB	15:00	4.87
			FROM WINDSORLKS	CT 860 254-6969			
8.	6-20	611P	HARTFORD	CT 860 529-5889	ESB	15:00	4.87
			FROM WINDSORLKS	CT 860 254-6969			
9.	6-21	921A	HARTFORD	CT 860 529-5889	DSB	15:00	4.87
			FROM WINDSORLKS	CT 860 254-6969			
10.	6-21	740P	HARTFORD	CT 860 529-5889	ESB	10:00	3.25
			FROM WINDSORLKS	CT 860 254-6969			
11.	6-22	729P	HARTFORD	CT 860 529-5889	ESB	15:00	4.87
			FROM WINDSORLKS	CT 860 254-6969			
12.	6-23	929A	HARTFORD	CT 860 529-5889	DSB	15:00	4.87
			FROM WINDSORLKS	CT 860 254-6969			
13.	6-24	858P	HARTFORD	CT 860 529-5889	ESB	15:00	4.87
			FROM WINDSORLKS	CT 860 254-6969			
14.	6-25	801P	HARTFORD	CT 860 529-5889	ESB	15:00	4.87
			FROM WINDSORLKS	CT 860 254-6969			
15.	6-26	905P	HARTFORD	CT 860 529-5889	ESB	15:00	4.87
			FROM WINDSORLKS	CT 860 254-6969			
16.	6-27	212P	HARTFORD	CT 860 529-5889	DSB	15:00	4.87
			FROM WINDSORLKS	CT 860 254-6969			
17.	6-28	917P	HARTFORD	CT 860 529-5889	ESB	15:00	4.87
			FROM WINDSORLKS	CT 860 254-6969			
18.	7-01	933A	HARTFORD	CT 860 529-5889	DSB	15:00	4.87
			FROM WINDSORLKS	CT 860 254-6969			

Long Distance - Continued

Item	No.	Date	Time	Place	Number	Code	Min	
	19.	7-01	739P	HARTFORD	CT 860 529-5889	ESB	8:00	2.60
				FROM WINDSORLKS	CT 860 254-6969			
	20.	7-02	910A	HARTFORD	CT 860 529-5889	DSB	13:00	4.22
				FROM WINDSORLKS	CT 860 254-6969			
	21.	7-02	620P	HARTFORD	CT 860 529-5889	ESB	15:00	4.87
				FROM WINDSORLKS	CT 860 254-6969			
	22.	7-03	929A	HARTFORD	CT 860 529-5889	DSB	15:00	4.87
				FROM WINDSORLKS	CT 860 254-6969			
	23.	7-03	606P	HARTFORD	CT 860 529-5889	ESB	15:00	4.87
				FROM WINDSORLKS	CT 860 254-6969			
	24.	7-04	928A	HARTFORD	CT 860 529-5889	DSB	15:00	4.87
				FROM WINDSORLKS	CT 860 254-6969			
	25.	7-04	647P	HARTFORD	CT 860 529-5889	ESB	15:00	4.87
				FROM WINDSORLKS	CT 860 254-6969			
	26.	7-05	928A	HARTFORD	CT 860 529-5889	DSB	15:00	4.87
				FROM WINDSORLKS	CT 860 254-6969			
	27.	7-05	606P	HARTFORD	CT 860 529-5889	ESB	12:00	3.89
				FROM WINDSORLKS	CT 860 254-6969			

Total Itemized Calls 125.97
Total for SECURUS TECHNOLOGIES, INC. 125.97

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B Collect D Day E Evening
S Station to Station

Total Long Distance 125.97

Taxes

28. State Sales Tax 8.00

Total Zero Plus Dialing Inc Current Charges 133.97

Under Securus Technologies
A 15 minute collect
call across local distance
costs 4.87 %